



Parable of the Sower - Part 1 -

MATTHEW 13:1-23
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- The task of the preacher is not to make the bible relevant. It is to show how the bible is relevant (paraphrase from Alistair Begg. See also 1 Cor 1:17).
 - In sharing the gospel, there isn't an issue with the Word of God. The issue isn't ultimately with the one sharing the gospel. It is a matter of the hearer's heart.

Matthew 13:1-9 – Parable of the Sower

- The farmer seems to be a bit reckless when he sows seeds. Some seeds *fall* in good soil bringing a great harvest. Others seeds *fall* in places that are not good for bearing fruit.

Matthew 13:10-17 – Judgment Upon Israel

- This is judgment (Jn 3:16-21) on unbelieving Israel and all who do not embrace the true Jesus (Is 6:8-13).
- This section of Matthew is shaped a lot like the first section of Isaiah.
 - There is increasing rejection of God and His word (Is 1-5; Matt 11-12) with God's offer to come back to Him.
 - Israel's continual rejection led to judgment.
- There is hope in the stomp (Is 6:13; 11:1; Matt 13:16-19a). The seeds sown (Words of the Kingdom) in this parable are from the seed of the stomp.



Sowing in Judgment

- The words of judgment in Isaiah 6:9-10 come to fruition as the glorious Word of the Kingdom falls on bad soil (Rom 11:25).
 - **Matthew 13:19** – *Seeds along the path*. These people are hard-hearted towards God.
 - **Matthew 13:20-21** – *Seeds sown on rocky soil*. They follow Jesus for a while, but hardships cause them to fall away.
 - **Matthew 13:22** – *Seeds sown among the thorns*. They follow Jesus for a while but their pursuit of riches and worldliness gradually leads them away from God.



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The Exceedingly Fruitful Seed of the Stomp

- **Matthew 13:23** – Seeds sown in good soil. A great harvest of fruitfulness is in store for those who receive Jesus and continue to cultivate good soil (Gal 5:22-23).
 - The Seed and the Sower are not the problem. The issue lies in the soil!
 - Cultivate the soil of your heart and the soil of those around you to receive Jesus, to endure and to not be plagued by worldliness.
 - Don't waste your life. Sow the seed of the stomp.
- Examine the soil of your heart in communion in order to receive the grace of Jesus on the cross.